

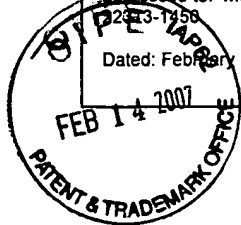
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to an Office action herein, mailed 12 September 2006, time for response to which was set to expire 12 December 2006. A petition for an extension of time of 2 (two) months until 12 February 2007 is attached hereto, along with the required fee. The considered claims, claims 1-7, are said to be rejected and the rejection was made final; however, four additional claims were added in the amendment filed 12 July 2006, which has been entered. Accordingly, claims 1-11 are present in this application. Applicant assumes that reference simply to claims 1-7 is a typographical error and that all claims are finally rejected.

Careful consideration has been given to the grounds for rejection, and the following amendment and discussion are offered in response. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.